

## *Feature Vehicle*

*Dave Krespan – Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania*

*Member #52*

*1964 Malibu SS*



Before I purchased this car, the former owner Dale Preiss had done a frame-off restoration. We knew Dale for a number of years. He had a serious interest in “classic” automobiles with numerous cars in various stages; some needed finishing and, at least one, in bushel baskets!

Once at a NASCAR race in Michigan (MIS), we met up with mutual friends, Bill Cross and his wife. We knew Dale had passed away. Bill told us Dale's wife Mary was selling the cars and all of Dale's memorabilia. Another friend Chris called us to say the Chevelle was going in the paper. I made direct contact with Mary and purchased the car in 2000. Initially, we thought the color was Honduras red thus the name “Hondo”. We later learned the actual color is Palomar red. We kept the name to please our daughter Stacey who claims part ownership.



I replaced the muffler with a stainless steel dual exhaust system in 2003. My friend Doug Smith, an excellent bodyman, took the paint down to the bare metal and repainted the car.



I purchased the current motor, transmission and shifter in 2006. Again, my friend Chris knew where I could get a transmission. Kevin McIntyre of McIntyre's Precision Engines rebuilt the 327 engine. Kevin also helped Dave position motor in the car. Another friend, Keith Clark of Keith's Automotive, helped with the transmission and numerous “tweaks” on the shifter and the Road test! I did contact GM for historical





information. They did send general stuff, but did not keep facts on 3-speeds on the columns. This car has been used at cruises and car shows. Most recently, it earned a Best-of-3 at Cheve-abration '06 and 1<sup>st</sup> place at the MCC show, June 25<sup>th</sup> at North East. While at CB '06, we had an opportunity for an 80-mile round trip cruise to the Nashville Super speedway. My wife really enjoys being in the car for these rides, watching people's reactions because they

can hear it before they see it! The car's future will include more shows and cruises, along with the aforementioned shows.

Our other car is also a 1964 Chevelle Malibu SS restored original. 283/220 automatic on the floor. With NOS wheel covers! My wife found this car in the want-ads while visiting family in Morton, IL in 1995. She called the telephone number listed and left a message as no one was at home. We were somewhat disappointed because we were leaving Monday morning. Late Sunday afternoon, we received a call from the seller who didn't live far away. So, Dave and his nephew went to see the car. The examination and deal were made and arrangements were made for pick-up the following weekend. I work with someone with a landscape business and open trailer. We made an overnight trip out to pick it up.



Additional pictures can be seen at:

[http://www.leverfamilysite.com/David\\_Krespans\\_Car.htm](http://www.leverfamilysite.com/David_Krespans_Car.htm)